

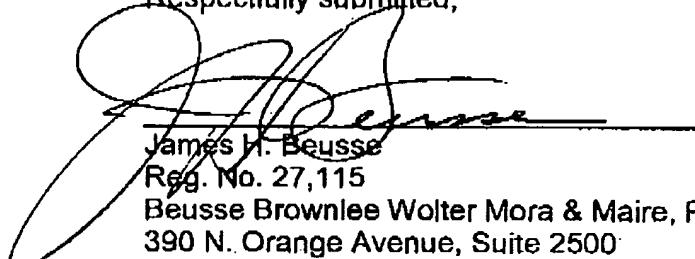
Application No. 09/967,094

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12-17 and 19 are pending in this application with claims 1, 3-7, 9, 12-17 and 19 standing allowed and claim 10 being rejected under 35 USC 103(a). Upon entry of this amendment, only allowed claims will remain in the application. Accordingly, this application is now in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is requested.

The cancellation of claim 10 is based solely on a need to put closure to this application which has been pending since September of 2001. Applicants' attorney has considered the ramifications of cancellation of this dependent claim and has concluded that it has no significant impact on the coverage provided by the allowed claims. Further, applicants attorney has considered the art cited by the examiner and disagrees with the examiner's rejection of the claim. Accordingly, it should be understood that the cancellation of claim 10 is submitted as a matter of convenience to the assignee in order to close prosecution of this application.

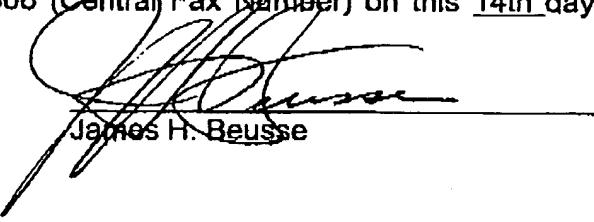
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